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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/662,844  
Applicants: Yasuyuki SUSA, et al.  
Filing Date: September 15, 2000  
For: SALTING AGENT FOR FOOD PROCESSING  
Group Art Unit: 1761  
Examiner: CORBIN

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Our check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Official Action dated July 01, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse,  
Group II, Claims 8-18.

**REMARKS**

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-6;

Group II: Claims 8-18; and

Group III: Claims 19-22.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 8-18.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication of the linking claim 7, and that the  
restriction requirement as to the linked invention will be withdrawn.

Applicants note the MPEP in §803 states as follows:

"If the search and examination of an entire application can be  
made without a serious burden, the Examiner must examine it

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